

Do the preparation task first. Then read the text about Pancake Day and do the exercises.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... | a race                | a. | a metal container for cooking food in                  |
| 2..... | a pan                 | b. | the basic foods that are mixed together to make a dish |
| 3..... | a recipe              | c. | a running competition to see who is the fastest        |
| 4..... | ingredients           | d. | funny clothes that you wear to a party                 |
| 5..... | smooth                | e. | instructions that tell you how to make some food       |
| 6..... | a fancy dress costume | f. | perfectly regular; without any lumps                   |

### 1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer to these questions.

- Pancake Day is celebrated in ...
  - the UK and Ireland only.
  - many countries around the world.
  - English-speaking countries only.
- Another name for Pancake Day is ...
  - Mardi Gras.
  - Lent.
  - Easter Sunday.
- Traditionally, Lent is a period of 40 days when people ...
  - eat a lot of pancakes.
  - eat rich foods like butter and eggs.
  - don't eat rich food or food that is bad for you.
- Easter Sunday is always ...
  - on the same day every year.
  - in spring.
  - on a day with a full moon.
- In a pancake race everyone ...
  - throws and catches a pancake in a pan.
  - wears a fancy dress costume.
  - eats pancakes before the race.

6. Before you cook the pancake, mix ...
  - a. milk, butter and sugar.
  - b. milk, flour and an egg.
  - c. milk, butter and an egg.
7. Cook the pancake for ...
  - a. 10-15 minutes.
  - b. 3-4 minutes.
  - c. 1-2 minutes.
8. The 'classic' pancake topping is ...
  - a. sugar and lemon juice.
  - b. sugar and chocolate.
  - c. lemon juice and salt.

## 2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a verb from the box.

Crack	pour	Fill	Whisk
Eat	throw	move	squeeze

1. \_\_\_\_\_ one cup with flour and put it into a bowl.
2. Fill another cup with milk and \_\_\_\_\_ it into the bowl.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the egg into the bowl.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the flour, milk and egg until the mixture is smooth.
5. Put some mixture in the pan and \_\_\_\_\_ the pan to make a thin pancake.
6. After one minute, hold the pan carefully and \_\_\_\_\_ the pancake in the air to turn it over.
7. When the pancake is ready, \_\_\_\_\_ some lemon juice and put some sugar on it.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ it immediately.

### 3. Check your grammar: gap fill

Write one word to fill each gap.

1. Pancake Day is a special day celebrated \_\_\_\_\_ many countries around the world.
2. In countries like Spain, Italy or Brazil, Shrove Tuesday is \_\_\_\_\_ the end of Carnival.
3. Pancake Day is always \_\_\_\_\_ a Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ February or March.
4. Lent is a period of 40 days before Easter when people often give \_\_\_\_\_ things that are bad for them.
5. In some pancake races people dress \_\_\_\_\_ in fancy costumes.
6. At the end \_\_\_\_\_ Lent is Easter.
7. Easter takes place on a different date each year because it depends \_\_\_\_\_ the moon.
8. Pancakes are very easy \_\_\_\_\_ make.

#### Discussion

Do you like pancakes? What's your favourite topping?